

# United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

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## NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2236.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

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### ADULTERATION AND MISBRANDING OF VINEGAR.

On October 15, 1912, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Central City Pickle Co., a corporation, Peoria, Ill., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on June 16, 1911, from the State of Illinois into the State of Iowa of a quantity of vinegar which was adulterated and misbranded. The product was labeled: (On barrels) "Charles Hewitt Sons Co., Distributors. Opal Brand Pure Cider Vinegar, Des Moines, Iowa."

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed that a dilute solution of acetic acid and a product high in reducing sugar and foreign mineral matter prepared in imitation of cider vinegar had been mixed with it and substituted wholly or in part for it. Adulteration of the product was alleged in the information for the reason that a dilute solution of acetic acid or distilled vinegar and a product high in reducing sugar and foreign mineral matter had been substituted wholly or in part for pure cider vinegar. Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the statement "Pure Cider Vinegar," borne on the label, was false and misleading because it conveyed the impression that the product was pure cider vinegar, whereas, in truth and in fact, it consisted in whole or in part of a dilute solution of acetic acid or distilled vinegar and a product high in reducing sugar and mineral matter and it was not pure cider vinegar; and for the further reason that the product was labeled and branded so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser into the belief that the product was pure cider

vinegar, it being labeled, to wit, "Pure Cider Vinegar," when, as a matter of fact, it consisted in whole or in part of a dilute solution of acetic acid or distilled vinegar and a product high in reducing sugar and mineral matter and was not a pure cider vinegar.

On October 25, 1912, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court imposed a fine of \$10 and costs.

W. M. HAYS,

*Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 21, 1913.*

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